

April 6, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202200883

From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager

Subject: Ordinance – DOTE: Wasson Way Phase 7 Grant

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x222363, “Wasson Way Federal STBG 2024,” for the purpose of providing grant resources for the Wasson Way Trail project and for the acquisition of property or easements across private property needed to construct the Wasson Way Trail project; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in an amount up to \$3,762,000 from the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (ALN 20.205) awarded through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x222363, “Wasson Way Federal STBG 2024,” for the purpose of providing grant resources for Phase 7 of the Wasson Way Trail project; AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x222363, “Wasson Way Federal STBG 2024,” for the purpose of providing grant resources for Phase 7 of the Wasson Way Trail project; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to enter into a Local Public Agency agreement with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to complete Phase 7 of the Wasson Way Trail project; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

Approval of this Ordinance will enable the following:

1. Establishes capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x222363, “Wasson Way Federal STBG 2024,” for the purpose of providing grant resources for the Wasson Way Trail project and for the land acquisition or easement of private property needed to construct the Wasson Way Trail project.
2. Authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in an amount up to \$3,762,000 from the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program (ALN 20.205) awarded through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments to newly established capital improvement program project account, “Wasson Way Federal STBG 2024.”
3. Authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into the newly established capital improvement program project account, “Wasson Way Federal STBG 2024,” for the purpose of providing grant resources for Phase 7 of the Wasson Way Trail project.

4. Authorizes the City Manager to enter into a Local Public Agency agreement with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to complete Phase 7 of the Wasson Way Trail project.
5. Authorizes the City Manager to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

On June 17, 2020, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 0185-2020, which authorized the City Manager to apply for Federal Surface Transportation program grants and Transportation Alternatives grants awarded through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Regional Council of Governments. The Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) was awarded grant resources for eligible costs for Phase 7 of the Wasson Way Trail project in the Avondale neighborhood. City Council authorization is required to accept and appropriate the grant award.

This grant requires matching resources of up to \$940,500, which will be provided through a combination of anticipated future allocations in the FY 2023 and FY 2024 Capital Budgets as well as resources currently available in existing “Wasson Way Trail” capital improvement program project account nos. 980x232x202371, 980x232x212371, and 980x232x222371. No new FTEs are associated with this grant.

The Wasson Way Trail project is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability,” as well as the strategies to “[e]xpand options for non-automotive travel” and “[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system,” as described on pages 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director



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